

THEIR FATE WELL DESERVED.

Minister Thurston Defends President Dole and the Government.

AN INTERESTING INTERVIEW.

The Ex-Queen Has Applied Twice for Protection While She Was Plotting Against the Government—No Policy of Revenge—Stern Action Necessary.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. — L. A. Thurston, the Hawaiian Minister, being asked whether he had any information concerning the alleged sentencing to death of some of the leaders of the late Hawaiian insurrection, and whether in his opinion such sentences, if given, would be carried out, made a statement from which the following is extracted:

"If there is any particular policy in which the Hawaiian Government has erred in the past two years it has been in having been too lenient in dealing with those who have continuously schemed to overthrow it, first by strategic diplomacy and then by force.

"From its inception the Government has exhibited a leniency toward its enemies that is unparalleled in history. This extreme leniency has been a feature of the administration of Dole, which has caused criticism from many of his strongest supporters. I will state a few facts in substantiation of what I say:

"The penalty for treason from the foundation to the overthrow of the monarchy was death and confiscation of all property. On the 20th of January, 1893, three days after its creation, the Provisional Government passed an Act providing an alternative penalty for treason of fine and imprisonment, and otherwise mitigating the harshness of the former law.

"Again, although the revolution of 1894 was caused by the attempt of the queen to abrogate the constitution and disfranchise nearly every person connected with the new Government, she has since been treated with the utmost consideration by the Government. She has been allowed to occupy her comfortable residence in Honolulu within a block of the Executive Building in peace and without molestation, although she has unceasingly, publicly and privately, plotted for the overthrow of the Government, and finally made an arsenal in which were discovered forty rifles, two dynamite bombs, pistols, swords and ammunition in quantities.

"Again, although Liliuokalani has made no claim for compensation, the Annexation Commission, in the interest of harmony and to avoid even the appearance of harshness, secured the insertion in the proposed annexation treaty of a clause giving her an annual pension of \$20,000, and until she began to work for the overthrow of the Government, the salary which she had received as queen continued to be paid to her by the Provisional Government and until Princess Kaiulani came to Washington to work for restoration she also continued to receive her former allowance.

"The ex-queen has twice applied to the Government for protection against supporters of the Government whom she feared might do her harm, one of the times being when she was in the act of negotiating with Mr. Willis for her restoration and the overthrow of the Provisional Government. Upon both occasions a squad of police was detailed to guard her from harm for as long a period as she desired.

"Her only response to all this treatment has been the beheading proposition made to Minister Willis and a continuous plotting to overthrow the Government, culminating in last month's insurrection.

"The royalists have been allowed and have repeatedly availed themselves of the privilege to associate unmolested in the public square in front of the Executive Building at Honolulu and unrestrictedly to pass such resolutions as they chose, condemning the Government, protesting against annexation, against the constitution and the Republic, and declaring in favor of the restoration of the monarchy.

"One of the serious features of the situation in Hawaii is that a number of leading insurrectionists are what may be called 'professional revolutionists.' The rank and file are ignorant dupes. Wilcox, the military leader in the late insurrection, whose doings on the island in the past decade have proven him to be a turncoat, ready at any minute to support the side which best suited his purposes, is cited as one of such a class.

"This is a fair sample of the material of which the leaders and organizers of the late insurrection are composed. Most of them are foreigners. Their class and character is that kind which furnished the commune in Paris and the anarchists' riot at Chicago.

"What is the Government of Hawaii to do? Is the Government to condone every offense that can be committed against a government, and upon capturing insurrectionists in the act of shooting down its citizens, allow them to again go free to repeat the operation at the first convenient opportunity?

"Amid hostile environment, amid opposition, treachery and revolution at home and depressing effects of continuously hostile influences from abroad, President Dole and his associates, to the best of their limited powers and with all the wisdom with which God has endowed them, are maintaining their outer breastworks of civilization in the Pacific, with a reserve consisting of a handful of professional and business men, mechanics and clerks.

"The policy is not how to achieve revenge. It is how to prevent Hawaii from gravitating into the cata-

logue of chronic revolution. The gospel of forgiveness and forbearance has been practiced. Whatever measures are taken, the white men who organized the late insurrection and furnished the arms therefor, but had the adroitness to keep out of sight when there was fighting to be done, will be held to an equal degree of responsibility with their native companions, who had at least the manliness and courage to attempt to carry out their ill-conceived plan; and further, I know that Abraham Lincoln did not possess a more patient, loving, kindly disposition than does Sanford B. Dole; that there does not exist in the United States today a more generous-spirited, peace-loving, forgiving and unrevengful community than that residing in Honolulu and furnishing the leaders of the present Government."

GETS ANOTHER PRESENT.

Marshal Hitchcock is Presented With a Handsome Portrait.

During the past week Marshal Hitchcock has been agreeably surprised by receiving a number of useful and appropriate presents.

Last night there gathered in the Marshal's office a party of friends composed of Attorney-General Smith, Deputy-Marshal Brown, Andrew Brown, C. A. Brown, Capt. F. B. McStocker, Capt. Pratt, Judge Robertson, J. W. Jones, George P. Castle, C. D. Chase and several others. They congregated there for a purpose, and it was some little time before they could accomplish that purpose.

Marshal Hitchcock was inveigled out of the room for a few minutes, and during his absence all necessary arrangements were hastily executed. As the official entered the door Capt. McStocker laid a detaining hand upon his shoulders and said to him that on an occasion like this it was generally expected some one should make a speech. Several of your friends now here and who desire to express their aloha for you, have delegated me to introduce to you the gentleman who stands there, pointing to a portrait of the Marshal on the top of his new desk.

Marshal Hitchcock was taken completely by surprise. He thought there was some conspiracy being concocted and threatened dire vengeance against and would get even with all those concerned in it. When he had sufficiently recovered his composure, the Marshal said: "I thank you gentlemen."

The picture is a splendid likeness of the popular Marshal, is about 22 x 26 inches inside and contained in a handsome gilt and white frame. On the left lapel of the coat is shown a correct representation of the gold badge worn by Marshal Hitchcock. The portrait was executed by E. C. Hegg now in the city under engagement with J. J. Williams.

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